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April 9, 2004

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20554

Dear Ms Dortch:

The Uinta County Sheriff's Office submits these comments on the U.S. DOJ/FBI/DEA joint petition filed on March 10, 2004, before the FCC, requesting that the FCC resolve, on an expedited basis, various critically important issues arising from the implementation of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act. (CALEA).

It is vitally important the FCC adopt the rules proposed by the DOJ, FBI and DEA. Congress enacted CALEA in 1994 to insure law enforcement has the ability to conduct authorized wiretaps as technologies change. Since 1994, many new communications technologies have arisen (e.g., broadband Internet access, voice over IP telephony and push-to-talk services). These services pose a great challenge to law enforcement because providers of these services failed to voluntarily adopt currently available solutions. Voluntary industry compliance with CALEA does not work. Without specific regulations to insure compliance, compliance simply will not happen. Certainly, those operating outside the law are fully aware of both the new technologies and the current lack of compliance among the new technology suppliers. This directly hampers the effectiveness of law enforcement efforts.

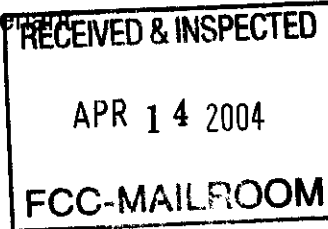
Thank you for your quick consideration and response to this critical matter. If you have questions concerning this matter or would like to discuss it with me personally, please feel free to contact me at 307/783-1024.

Sincerely,

Sgt. Mark Baca  
Investigations' Supervisor

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